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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

PERRIS J. LEE,  
Plaintiff,  
  
v.  
  
I. MCGUCKIN, et al.,  
Defendants.

Case No. 18-cv-03689-HSG (PR)

**ORDER OF RE-SERVICE ON  
DEFENDANT MCGUCKIN;  
DIRECTING PLAINTIFF TO  
PROVIDE COURT WITH MORE  
INFORMATION FOR DEFENDANT  
CURRY, III**

On June 20, 2018, plaintiff, an inmate at California State Prison–Sacramento, proceeding *pro se*, filed this civil rights action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 against officials and staff at Salinas Valley State Prison (“SVSP”), where he was previously incarcerated. On December 7, 2018, the Court directed the Clerk to prepare the summonses for service of the complaint upon SVSP correctional officers: E. Knox, Curry, III, F. Medina, J. Streeper, H. Gasca, and I. McGuckin. On January 3, 2019, the summonses for defendants McGuckin and Curry, III were returned unexecuted with the following remark by the United States Marshal: “CDCR/USMS unable to identify or locate defendant.” Dkt. No. 14. It appears that defendant McGuckin’s name was incorrectly spelled “McGucken” on the summons. Accordingly, service will be reissued for this defendant pursuant to the instructions below.

1 As for defendant Curry, III, plaintiff is advised that although a plaintiff who is incarcerated  
2 and proceeding *in forma pauperis* may rely on service by the Marshal, such plaintiff “may not  
3 remain silent and do nothing to effectuate such service;” rather, “[a]t a minimum, a plaintiff  
4 should request service upon the appropriate defendant and attempt to remedy any apparent defects  
5 of which [he] has knowledge.” *Rochon v. Dawson*, 828 F.2d 1107, 1110 (5th Cir. 1987). Absent  
6 a showing of “good cause,” a complaint pending for over 90 days is subject to dismissal without  
7 prejudice. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(m).

8 Plaintiff has not provided sufficient information to allow the Marshal to locate and serve  
9 defendant Curry, III. Consequently, plaintiff must remedy the situation or face dismissal of  
10 defendant Curry, III from this action without prejudice. *See Walker v. Sumner*, 14 F.3d 1415,  
11 1421-22 (9th Cir. 1994) *overruled on other grounds by Sandin v. Conner*, 515 U.S. 472, 483-84  
12 (1995) (holding prisoner failed to show cause why prison official should not be dismissed under  
13 Rule 4(m) where prisoner failed to show he had provided Marshal with sufficient information to  
14 effectuate service). Because the complaint has been pending for over 90 days, the Court will *sua*  
15 *sponte* grant plaintiff an extension of time to effectuate service on defendant Curry, III, pursuant to  
16 the instructions below.

### 17 CONCLUSION

18 1. The Clerk shall re-issue summons and the United States Marshal shall serve, without  
19 prepayment of fees, a copy of the complaint (Dkt. No. 1), a copy of the Court’s October 30, 2018  
20 screening order (Dkt. No. 7), a copy of the Court’s December 7, 2018 service order (Dkt. No. 10),  
21 and a copy of this order upon **I. McGuckin** at **Salinas Valley State Prison**.

22 The Clerk is further directed to correct the spelling of defendant McGuckin’s name on the  
23 court docket by substituting “McGuckin” for “McGucken.”

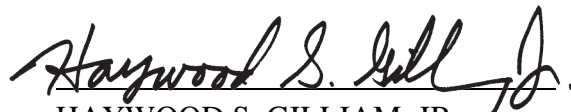
24 2. Within **sixty (60)** days of this order, plaintiff must effectuate service on defendant  
25 Curry, III, or submit to the Court sufficient information to identify and locate defendant Curry, III  
26 such that the Marshal is able to effectuate service. **If plaintiff fails to provide the court with the**  
27 **information requested within sixty (60) days of the date this order is filed, plaintiff’s claim**  
28 **against defendant Curry, III will be dismissed without prejudice pursuant to Rule 4(m) of**

1 **the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.**

2 3. The briefing schedule set forth in the Court's December 7, 2018 service order is  
3 VACATED. The Court will issue a new briefing schedule for dispositive motions when service  
4 issues have been resolved.

5 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

6 Dated: 1/17/2019

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9 HAYWOOD S. GILLIAM, JR.  
United States District Judge